

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 have been cancelled, and are replaced with new claims 7-17. The new claims have been added to eliminate multiple dependencies in the original claims, and to more clearly set forth the invention as claimed by Applicant. No new matter is added.

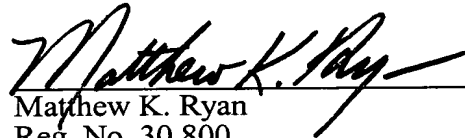
The Abstract has been retranslated by our Japanese associate to reflect a more accurate translation of the original Abstract, and no new matter has been added.

The filing fee has been calculated based upon 11 new claims 7-17.

Early examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Attachments: Amended Claims (pages 21-23)
Retranslated Abstract (page 24)

7. (NEW) An image forming system comprising a mounting portion in which an expendable provided with a storage means in which distinguishment information representing whether the expendable is a compatible product is stored is removably installed, a read out means which reads out the distinguishment information stored in the storage means of the expendable installed in the mounting portion, and a control means which controls operation of a predetermined object to be controlled operation of which is to be controlled in relation to the expendable on the basis of a control information according to the distinguishment information when the distinguishment information read out by the read out means represents that the expendable is a compatible product, whereby the predetermined object to be controlled is caused to operate by the control means to form an image on the basis of the control information according to the distinguishment information, wherein the improvement comprises that

a control information input means for inputting control information of the object to be controlled when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable by the read out means represents that the expendable is an incompatible product is further provided and

the control means controls the operation of the object to be controlled on the basis of the control information input by the control information input means when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable represents that the expendable is an incompatible product.

8. (NEW) An image forming system as defined in Claim 7 in which the control means waits for, when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable represents that the expendable is an incompatible product, input of the control information by the control information input means, and then controls operation of the object to be controlled on the basis of the control information input after input of the control information by the control information input means.

9. (NEW) An image forming system as defined in Claim 7 further comprising a display means which, when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable represents that the expendable is an incompatible product, displays an initial control information which has been set in advance.

10. (NEW) An image forming system as defined in Claim 8 further comprising a display means which, when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means

of the expendable represents that the expendable is an incompatible product, displays an initial control information which has been set in advance.

11. (NEW) An image forming system as defined in Claim 7 further comprising a display means which, when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable represents that the expendable is an incompatible product and at the same time when a control information according to the distinguishment information read out can be read out from the storage means, displays the control information according to the distinguishment information.

12. (NEW) An image forming system as defined in Claim 8 further comprising a display means which, when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable represents that the expendable is an incompatible product and at the same time when a control information according to the distinguishment information read out can be read out from the storage means, displays the control information according to the distinguishment information.

13. (NEW) An image forming system as defined in Claim 7 further comprising a display means which displays the distinguishment information stored in the storage means.

14. (NEW) An image forming system as defined in Claim 7 in which the control information input means can input only a part of a plurality of pieces of control information.

15. (NEW) An image forming system as defined in Claim 7 in which the storage means comprises a memory IC.

16. (NEW) A stencil printer comprising a printing drum around which a stencil is wound, a press roller which is pressed against the printing drum, a mounting portion in which an ink container which is filled with ink and is provided with a storage means in which distinguishment information representing whether the ink container is a compatible product is stored is removably installed, a read out means which reads out the distinguishment information stored in the storage means of the ink container installed in the mounting portion, and a control means which controls operation of the press roller on the basis of a control information according to the distinguishment information when the distinguishment information read out by the read out means represents that the ink container is a compatible product, wherein the improvement comprises that

a control information input means for inputting control information of the press roller when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the ink

container by the read out means represents that the ink container is an incompatible product is further provided and

the control means controls the printing pressure of the press roller on the basis of the control information input by the control information input means when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the ink container represents that the ink container is an incompatible product.

17. (NEW) A stencil printer comprising a thermal head which perforates stencil material to make a stencil, a printing drum around which the stencil is wound, a mounting portion in which a stencil material roll which comprises the stencil material rolled into a roll and is provided with a storage means in which distinguishment information representing whether the stencil material roll is a compatible product is stored is removably installed, a read out means which reads out the distinguishment information stored in the storage means of the stencil material roll installed in the mounting portion, and a control means which controls the amount of energy of the thermal head on the basis of a control information according to the distinguishment information when the distinguishment information read out by the read out means represents that the stencil material roll is a compatible product, wherein the improvement comprises that

a control information input means for inputting control information of the thermal head when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the stencil material roll by the read out means represents that the stencil material roll is an incompatible product is further provided and

the control means controls the amount of energy of the thermal head on the basis of the control information input by the control information input means when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the stencil material roll represents that the stencil material roll is an incompatible product.